



August 31, 2015

New Employee Orientation

Mark your calendars. The State WIC Office has set the dates for the next new employee orientation. The next orientation will be held March 21st – 23rd, 2016 from 8:00AM – 4:30PM, in Helena at the Department of Public Health and Human Services. More information will be provided in the coming months.

More Training Modules

New training modules have been added to the Montana WIC webpage. Under training, the new link is called [Nutrition Training](#). There are 5 lessons available now. Nutrition & Health Assessment (4 CEU's), Basic Nutrition (4 CEU's), Infant Nutrition (6 CEU's), Postpartum Nutrition (4 CEU's), Prenatal Nutrition & Breastfeeding Objectives (6 CEU's). At the end of each lesson, there are progress check points and activities. Once the progress check points and activities are completed, please send them to the State WIC office, attention Lacy Little. Lacy will review the information and follow up with the employee. CEU's will be awarded for completion of the progress check points and activities. More training modules are being developed and will be put online as they are completed.

Inventory Check

Please check your inventory of: BREAST PUMPS, BENEFIT STOCK/CHECKS AND MICR CARTRIDGES. WIC now has a large supply of Breast Pumps, Benefit stock and MICR. Please send orders to [Mark Squires](#) by Sept 18, as he will no longer be available after the end of September and, before he leaves, he would like to restock your inventory to carry your program through the end of 2015.

Reimbursement Application for Breastfeeding Education Conference

[Reimbursement Applications](#) for WIC Staff for the 2015 Breastfeeding Education Conference sponsored by the Missoula Breastfeeding Coalition to be held in Missoula are now available. If approved, the reimbursement will include registration at the early bird rate and the state rate for mileage, per diem and lodging. Submit the application by September 15, 2015 to Chris at cfogelman@mt.gov or fax 406-444-0239. Any questions, contact Chris. Don't forget to review the conference [agenda](#) and [register](#) today.

Continuing Education Opportunities

Gold Lactation is offering [several on-line courses](#) on breastfeeding topics.

Surveillance Report Entitled *Breastfeeding at Hospital Discharge in Montana, 2014 Racial and Socioeconomic Differences*

The Office of Epidemiology and Scientific Support in the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services has just released [this short surveillance report](#). It provides information on who is most likely to be breastfeeding at hospital discharge based on several factors. This may help you target your breastfeeding information to participants based on these factors to help them succeed at breastfeeding.

New Solution Sheets for Employers from the Office on Women's Health

The Office on Women's Health has released [six downloadable solution sheets](#) featuring a variety of industries: manufacturing, retail, restaurants, hotels, agriculture, and transportation. The sheets include basic language of the federal law, bottom-line benefits for supporting nursing moms at work, and practical solutions for that particular industry. The solution sheets complement the online searchable resource, "[Supporting Nursing Moms at Work: Employer Solutions](#)." Coalitions and breastfeeding advocates are encouraged to use them when conducting outreach with employers.

Recall Notice

General Mills announced a voluntary Class I recall of a limited quantity of frozen Cascadian Farm Cut Green Beans produced over two days in March 2014. The recall is being issued as a precaution after one package of finished product tested positive for the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes*. No related illnesses have been reported in connection with this product. This voluntary recall is limited to 10-ounce bags of frozen Cascadian Farm Cut Green Beans with either of two "Better If Used By" dates printed on the package: 10APR2016 and 11APR2016. The recalled product was produced and packaged in 2014. No other varieties or production dates of Cascadian Farm products are affected by this recall. Please click [here](#) for more information.

EPA Grant: Local Food, Local Places

Local Foods, Local Places is accepting applications for technical assistance to help communities create walkable, healthy, and economically vibrant neighborhoods by promoting local foods. The program is supported by EPA and other federal agencies. Applications are due by September 15, 2015, at 11:59 PM EDT. [Learn more](#) about this opportunity and click [here](#) for the application.

Comment on Promise Zone Competitions

HUD and USDA invite written comments on ways to improve the third and final round of the [Promise Zones](#) competition that will open in the Fall of 2015. Visit the website linked above for instructions on commenting, which are due September 28, 2015

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